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1. Soviet specialists have discovered rich petroleum deposits in the Southern Dobrudzha, in the vicinity of Kavarna (N 43-26, E 28-21). This region was annexed to Bulgaria in 1940 and remained a Bulgarian possession after World War II.
2. The people who formerly lived within a 20-mile radius of Kavarna were evacuated and transferred to other localities as soon as work was begun. A new colony for workers and technicians has been established near the wells in the Kavarna area. It is planned that this locality will become an important Bulgarian industrial center, or rather, an important Soviet center since the command of the oil area is exclusively composed of Soviets. The Soviets, as "friends" of the Bulgarian people naturally will sell this oil to the Bulgarians also.
3. At present, 14 wells have been opened. The wells are connected with the collecting station, but so far the oil has been sent to Rumania for refining.
4. At Sofia, the Soviet-Bulgarian commission is completing plans for the formation of a joint company for exploiting the petroleum deposits of Bulgaria. As matters stand, the Soviets are assured of exploiting Bulgarian oil wells for a period of 60 years. It is planned that a refinery will be constructed in the Kavarna area.
5. It is also planned to organize an Oil Institute at Sofia, which will consist of the following departments:
 - a. Planning section;
 - b. Geological-mineral section;

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- c. Offices;
 - d. Administrative section; and
 - e. Secretariat.
6. The complete zone (approximately 20 kilometers square) is controlled by the Bulgarian and Soviet police, the Bulgarians in the outer part of the area and the Soviets in the interior part. So far, the specialists have been Soviet and Rumanian technicians. The Soviet security troops are stationed in this area to counter the national resistance groups, which are composed exclusively of Moslems who have been transferred to the Dobrudzha from the Bulgarian-Turkish frontier area.
7. The Bulgarian part of the Dobrudzha, like the Rumanian part, is completely controlled by Soviet troops. In this region, sabotage and resistance come under the jurisdiction of the military courts. Both the Rumanian and Bulgarian parts of the Dobrudzha are grouped into a single Soviet military command. The principal Soviet military garrisons in the Dobrudzha are located in the Rumanian areas of Mangalia, Agigea, Terchirghiol, and Eforia. [redacted] a total of approximately 30,000 Soviet troops are stationed in the Dobrudzha. 25X1
8. After the discovery of oil deposits in the Bulgarian Dobrudzha, the garrisons of Soviet security troops were reinforced.
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